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## BOARD OF TRADE GOVERNORS MEET.

The Governors of the board of trade met for the regular weekly meeting on Monday night last with President Earnest in the chair.

Secretary Elliott made his weekly report which shows a healthy interest in this section, and the value of the board of trade to this territory.

Among the correspondence that Sec. Elliott read to the board was an inquiry from Maj. W. B. Saden, corps of engineers, U. S. Army, who urgently requested information pertaining to our river traffic so that same can be compiled in detailed statistics for the river and harbors under improvement in this district. The board of governors instructed Sec. Elliott to get the desired information and it is hoped that each and every business concern in the city will render all the assistance possible when the secretary calls for any information, as it will no doubt prove of great value to Palatka and strengthen our chances of receiving aid from the Federal government in the way of appropriations in the future.

H. M. de Montmolin stated to the board that a committee had been appointed by the Putnam county chamber of commerce to confer with a like committee of the board of trade of which Mr. de Montmolin is chairman, to co-operate in their efforts on the good roads and bridge recommendation; and it was decided that the good roads committee of the board of trade be requested to confer with them. Mr. de Montmolin also gave some excellent data on the bridge question regarding the cost of maintenance and the repairs on the bridge, comparing same with the revenue derived, all of which will be incorporated in the regular report of the committee.

Howell A. Davis was present and gave interesting and instructive talks and splendid suggestions regarding the initial move in the good roads propaganda which will doubtless be acted upon at a later date. Mr. Davis also reviewed at length accomplishments of the past and prospects of the future in his inimitable way.

Walter Tilghman and H. O. Hamm joined in the general discussions on the various propositions as they were acted upon by the board.

The board also unanimously approved the course Secretary Elliott had adopted in replies to inquiries of relative importance to Palatka and Putnam county, and the same will be followed up with all due diligence and the scope and number of the inquiries from various sources would certainly convince the most skeptical that the board of trade is not only doing a wonderful amount of good to this section but its long years of labor and effort is bearing good fruit in behalf of Palatka and Putnam county.

The meeting as a whole was one of good cheer and congeniality and it is to be hoped that in this respect it will continue to grow and extend its scope of usefulness in the future.

### Report of Secretary.

I have continued the usual duties during the past week, and have received inquiries from the following places, Kimmunity, Alta, Canada; Waukegan, Ill.; Webster, Mass.; Lynchburg, Va.; Birmingham, Ala.; and one inquiry regarding the location here of a canning industry; one regarding a proposed Tampa and Jacksonville Highway; and one from Major W. B. Saden, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, and the letters of these last inquiries I will read and my replies thereto as they are of more than usual interest to Palatka and Putnam county.

On Tuesday I was out in the Hollister section and met several farmers there and they all seemed to be very optimistic regarding the crops in that section.

I will also state that during the past week I have communicated with a group of sixteen persons that will settle in Putnam county during the coming fall and have extended an invitation for them to visit our board of trade and extended our aid and information in any way that may be of benefit to them.

I am also in communication with a retired couple that wish to locate in Florida and make a home to live in its balmy atmosphere, its flowers and sunshine, and, according to their wants, there is no place that suits them better than Palatka. I likewise gave them rates for their household goods and directions for the shipment of same.

Among the callers this week was Mr. W. E. Price and wife of Harrisburg, Pa. Mr. Price is agent, Land and Industrial department of the Southern Railway Company, and during their stay of a few hours in the afternoon I showed them around Palatka. As their time was short I gave them views and possibilities of Putnam county at large and Mr. Price has promised to give this section more than the usual attention this summer in his campaign of publicity.

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## GARDNER MURDERER FOUND GUILTY

Jury Renders Verdict After Deliberating Ten Minutes.

The spring term of the circuit court opened Monday morning, Judge Willis presiding. The docket contains 29 criminals and 17 civil cases.

The grand and petit juries were drawn and the business started. The juries were not drawn sooner on account of a bill pending in the legislature to change the date of meeting.

When court convened Tuesday morning Judge Willis stated that the proceedings of Monday were null and void on account of the passage of a bill in the legislature Monday changing the date of the spring term to the third Monday in April instead of the fourth. To avoid any complications he therefore discharged the juries and called a special term for Putnam county.

The new juries drawn are as follows:

Grand Jury—P. J. Becks, Tom Cannon, J. M. May, J. Hammontree, E. E. Dodge, E. T. Lancaster, H. Merwin, W. L. Cheeves, C. H. Davis, H. A. Broward, J. D. Hagan, A. G. Phillips, A. Grainger, J. Baughman, C. C. Smith, T. Z. Motes.

Petit Jury—W. H. Tucker, J. C. Wilroy, A. B. Purdom, L. J. Owens, David Benbow, F. W. Turner, W. M. Motes, J. W. Cannon, Jr., E. S. Neck, D. A. Mullis, H. W. Taylor, R. F. Johnson.

The first and only case of Tuesday was that of W. G. Tilghman vs. C. E. Melton as the Melton Lumber Co. After the hearing of evidence the jury awarded the plaintiff \$1,493.00 and costs. E. E. Haskell and J. N. Blackwell for plaintiff; Hilburn & Merryday for defendant.

The grand jury reported ten true bills and three no bills.

The case that will attract most attention at this term is the Clyde Stover case for the murder of the Gardner brothers. A true bill was found against him and he was arraigned Tuesday.

Court was occupied all day Wednesday with criminal cases with the exception of the case of the Capital Cooperative Co. of Indiana, vs. J. H. Roberts. Verdict of \$1,090.00 for the plaintiff, and attorney's fees of \$109.00.

The criminal cases tried were John O'Neal, assault with attempt to kill, \$50 or four months in prison; Sunny Williams, twelve months for forgery; John Nelson, aggravated assault, 12 months; W. L. Bobbett, selling liquor, having been in jail nine months, was set free; Walter Doby, breaking and entering, three years; Edward and Tom Jones, breaking and entering, six months each; Oliver Williams, breaking and entering, three years; William Matthews, grand larceny, 12 months; Harry Miller, forgery, had been in jail 10 months, set free; Sam Anderson, aggravated assault, in jail six months, \$10.00 and costs, or thirty days.

The grand jury having finished its work was discharged about 4:15 yesterday afternoon. The Judge complimented the jurymen very highly for their quick and efficient work.

The case of Clyde Stover came up yesterday morning and lasted until 4 o'clock at which time the jury returned a verdict of murder in the first degree, after deliberating about 10 minutes. The Judge immediately sentenced him to hang.

Stover was indicted Tuesday for the murder of Alonzo and Horace E. Gardner at a camp up the Ochlockonee river last January, a full account of which was published in The News at the time.

The following jury was empaneled: G. W. Hall, Thos. Sanders, Jos. Hinds, W. W. Moody, J. C. Wilroy, J. W. Cannon, Jr., E. S. Neck, D. A. Mullis, J. A. Bair, J. A. Nobles.

## BOTH HOUSES PASS THE DAVIS BILL

Senator Middleton of Putnam Voted Against It.

Both Houses Pass the Davis Bill --- The Davis anti-liquor bill regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors, was passed by the senate Wednesday afternoon by a vote of 20 to 12.

Thursday morning the house passed the same bill by a vote of 45 to 23. This is considered quite a victory for the "drys," as it will practically put many of the liquor dealers and distillers out of business.

The resolution allowing county commissioners to issue interest-bearing warrants has been killed. This resolution would have allowed the commissioners to issue these warrants which the tax payers would have to pay for without having a say in the matter.

Wednesday afternoon the senate passed the bill which was passed by the house Monday, creating a new judicial circuit of Putnam, Clay and St. Johns counties.

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## HOW \$200,000 BRIDGE WILL COST \$800,000.

An Article of Interest to Residents of This Section.

Permanent roads and a concrete bridge across the St. Johns river seem to be the principal topics among the members of the Palatka board of trade and the Putnam county chamber of commerce.

Other states, counties and cities have spent millions of dollars in experiments for such improvements, and it seems useless for any more money to be wasted in that manner. We certainly should profit by the experience of others. We can easily do so, for others are willing to give what information they can and save others from making the same mistakes they did.

The following editorial from the Engineering News should be an eye-opener:

Redeeming bonds for public improvements by new bond issues has been a favorite amusement in many American cities. Some cities are beginning to realize the costliness of that sort of play. Judging from statements in the Pioneer-Press, St. Paul is now one of the reformed cities, but a late convert. That journal recently said:

"Thirty years ago the city built the Robert Street bridge and issued \$200,000 in bonds to pay for it. That was in the old days when we indulged in a perfect orgy of bonds. Since then we have paid \$300,000 in interest on those bonds and not a dollar of the principal. But we got the bridge, though it has cost us \$500,000 instead of \$200,000.

Now we must refund those bonds and it will cost us nearly \$300,000 in interest, with the original \$200,000 yet to take care of. So the Robert Street bridge will cost St. Paul about \$800,000.

And now without a dollar paid on its cost, the Robert Street bridge is antiquated and unsuited to its purpose. It was a failure from the beginning and must be replaced by an adequate structure. St. Paul will have paid, when it pays it, \$800,000 for a failure.

Here is a kindergarten lesson in city bonds. Is it any wonder the taxpayers of St. Paul want to be shown before they give their consent to the issue of more bonds?"

The sound way to finance such improvements is either to pay as you go or else to issue bonds which will not run longer than the useful life of the improvement. If bonds are issued it is far safer to pay them off, year by year, than to accumulate a sinking fund for possible diversion to other uses.—Engineering News.

### Fred L. Cochrane Improving.

Mr. Fred L. Cochrane, son-in-law of Mrs. Lillian Knight, who was run down by an automobile in Tallahassee two weeks ago, is resting a little easier in a hospital in Jacksonville, although still suffering intensely. The left leg was broken in two places and a compound fracture beside. The doctors were at first afraid of blood-poisoning, but those fears are set at rest, and unless looked for complications arise he will recover; but it will be a long tedious convalescence on account of the nature of the injury. The driver of the car has tried to make some reparation, but as he was on the wrong side of the street it is difficult to be forgiving under such circumstances.

### Mr. Thomas Mellon, Host.

Saturday afternoon Mr. Thomas Mellon chartered the "Swan" and at 4 o'clock a merry party left Palatka and rode up the river to Sutherland's camp on Dunn's creek and Lake Crescent, coming back by moonlight. A delicious lunch was served at Sutherland's Camp. Those composing the party were, Messdames, John Randolph, R. J. Adams, R. F. Adams, F. D. Ackerman, William Hoyt, T. K. Bates, and Misses Elizabeth Mae Brown, Minnie Blanchard, Adair Anderson, Mabel Wilson, Elizabeth Daugherty, Alice Hutchinson, Messrs. Mercer Davis and Thomas Mellon. The trip was given by Mr. Mellon in honor of Miss Elizabeth Mae Brown.

### Arthur L. Glass Passes Away.

The many friends of A. L. Glass of Gainesville and Palatka were shocked to hear the sad tidings of his death last week in Indianapolis, Indiana, whither he had gone for treatment under a noted specialist.

Mr. Glass had been ailing for some time and had tried every means available for the treatment of his trouble, but his malady finally wore him out. He bore his suffering with wonderful patience. He was a man greatly loved and esteemed by all who were fortunate to be his friends and was a man high up in the business world, holding responsible positions in various capacities. He was a member of several fraternal orders.

The body was accompanied to Palatka by John Glass, a brother, and Browne Hollis, brother-in-law, of Indianapolis. A delegation of Knights Templar from Gainesville attended the funeral which was held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mr. Glass' mother-in-law, Mrs. Cox on N. 3rd street, and Episcopal church. The Knights were accompanied by Rev. Campbell, Episcopal rector, who assisted in the service. Rev. Mr. Lewis, the local rector officiating. Prior to the service at the Episcopal church the local body of Masons held their impressive service, at the house.

## GOOD CROP OF IRISH POTATOES

Helms, Hightower & Deats Have Successful Yield.

To anyone who has never visited the potato section of Putnam county east of the St. Johns river during harvest time, it is worth the time and trouble to spend an hour or more here and see how the immense crop is gathered.

A representative of The News recently visited the farm of J. A. Helms, "the potato king of East Palatka." Mr. Helms has as associates Messrs. Hightower & Deats, and these gentlemen had about 100 acres in Irish potatoes this season. The yield was a little better than 50 barrels to the acre.

This large acreage is a beautiful sight to the average Floridian, but the most interesting thing is to witness the manner of digging and packing. There is very little of the work done by hand. The potatoes are dug by a machine drawn by three or four horses or mules. This machine digs, removes the tops and clinging earth and leaves the potatoes on top of the rows ready for the pickers. The pickers follow the digger and fill the hampers which are hauled to the sizer.

The sizer is a new device and sorts the potatoes into four sizes—No. 1's 2's, choice and culls. It also cleans the potatoes, removing what dirt may be clinging to them that the digger did not get. The potatoes drop from the sizer into barrels which are immediately headed up, stamped and hauled to the cars.

The great advantage in growing potatoes or trucks in large quantities is the easy manner of marketing. It is not necessary to do your own shipping and wait weeks for the returns and run risks of a declining market, for several commission men are always on the ground ready to buy for a shipping station.

At the time of the visit of our representative about twelve car loads a day were moving from the East Palatka station. Messrs. Helms, Hightower & Deats were nearing the end of digging, their crop coming on some two weeks earlier than others in this section.

A few weeks before digging time this section was visited by a heavy frost which damaged some crops considerably, but Messrs. Helms, Hightower & Deats had planted early and their crop was scarcely damaged at all. On some acres they dug over 80 barrels. On one section of 16 acres the average was 79 barrels.

These gentlemen are also heavy operators, buying and selling in this section, and as the prices have remained good, the season altogether has been a very profitable one to them.

But the returns from a crop like this are not all profit, for it costs thousands of dollars to plant, fertilize and harvest. However, the planters follow the diggers and the acreage is planted to corn, beans, hay, etc., without extra fertilizer, and the returns from these crops will pay all expenses, and sometimes more, leaving the sales for potatoes net profit. This has been a prosperous year for Messrs. Helms, Hightower & Deats (and Mrs. Helms, too, for she is the real hustler of them all) and their many friends are congratulating them upon their success.

## MEMORIAL DAY FITTINGLY OBSERVED

Under Auspices of the Patton Anderson Chapter U. D. C.

The Memorial Day exercises were unusually attractive this year. They were held Monday, April 26, in the Howell tent. Patton Anderson Chapter gave the audience an extra fine program. Captain Daniels was master of ceremonies and the program follows:

Invocation—Rev. Poage.  
Song, Tenting Tonight—Chorus of twelve ladies.

Reading, (a) Sam Davis, (b) Memorial Day—Susie Walton. Address—Col. Dart of Jacksonville. Chorus—Suzanne River.

After the program, the "Daughters" proceeded to Westview and the Catholic then to Oak Hill cemeteries, where they placed wreaths and flags on the graves of the soldiers, both north and south. There are not many of the old veterans left and all that remain in Palatka, were seated on the platform, during the exercises. Col. Dart delivered an eloquent address. His father led a regiment in the Civil war, and he, himself led a regiment in the Spanish-American war, therefore he was full of his subject.

### Mrs. Mann Entertains.

Mrs. E. L. Mann was hostess for the Monday Luncheon Bridge Club Wednesday. Miss Mabel Wilson, Mrs. A. M. Probst and guest, Mrs. Donald Walker of Jacksonville, were guests of the club. The refreshments were strawberries, as nature, chicken, pickles, olives, jelly, hot rolls and coffee, cream and cake. The prizes consisted of correspondence cards. The table decorations were tastefully arranged.



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